

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Drawings Objection, the drawings have been objected to because FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 reference numeral "42" has not been described in the specification. The numeral has been removed in the replacement sheets attached hereto. The second objection to FIG. 2 is with regard to reference character "x", this character has been removed from the replacement drawings.

The specification has been amended as per the instruction of the examiner.

The Claims 7,8,10 and 11 are original claims and remain in this application. Claims 2-5 have been canceled. Claims 1, 6 and 9 are currently amended.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as been anticipated by Patent 5,920,991 (Tracy) and by patent 6,722,042 (Naville); and the rejection of claims 7-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view patent 3,861,087 (Martin); is requested in view of the clarifying amendments to the claims and the following comments.

The Examiner rejects claims 1 to 11 because Naville and other patents combined shows all the claimed structure of the instant invention. The applicant asks for reconsideration due to the amendments contained herein. The claim amendments include additions with regard to the L-shaped blade and the outwardly protruding head attached to the handle. The applicant respectfully argues that none of the cited references indicated teach, motivate or suggest a blade that has ends L-shaped which are molded into a head portion of the handle. The applicant respectfully submits the amended claims are

supported in the specification on page six in paragraph 28 lines 2-7, "The blade is comprised of two straight ends which support the blade at blade end 38 and are inserted into the body of handle 40. The blade ends are L-shaped and are molded into head 44 of handle 24. The blade ends extend deep enough into the handle head so that it can withstand the significant stress it entertains when inserted to the body of a carrot and pulled across the surface. The arcuate blade extends outwardly in general a semi-circular shape. However the blade straightens between point 32 and point 34". One of the important features of the present invention is the use of a blade this contained within and molded into the head. The specification on page 7, lines 6-7 defines the format of the head in the construction of the instant invention, "FIG.3 shows the base of the blade secured to the handle. Head 44 is configured to perperidicularly extend outwardly from the body of the handle and to accept and support the blade". This type of connection is unique and non-obvious over any prior art.

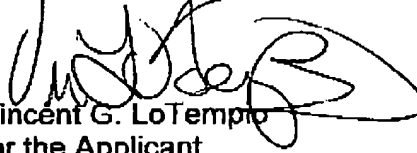
In as much as claims 7,8,10 and11 are rejected as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, it is respectfully argued that these claims are now allowable in that they include all the limitations of the base claim which has been redrafted with additional limitations.

Thus neither Tracey nor the other cited prior art teach or disclose a device comprised of blade ends that are L-shaped and are molded into the head of a handle as presently claimed.

Conclusion

For all of the reasons recited hereabove, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are patentable over the cited art, and in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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